

Small Group Leader Sermon Text Summary 05/22/2016

Exodus 33-34. "What God is Really Like and Why We Should Want Him" by Drew Hunter

In Short: The God of the Bible is worthy of our affection and praise.

Sunday's Outline

1. Desiring God (33:1-6).
 - a. God's proposal to bless Israel with the Promised Land but not be present with them was a "disastrous word."
 - b. Desiring God himself is a mark of true Christianity.
2. Seeking God (33:7-17).
 - a. Moses sought God's presence, appealing to his missionary heart.
 - b. Our earnest prayer must be that God is truly in our midst.
3. Knowing God (33:18-34:7).
 - a. God's glory is his grace freely bestowed and his upholding of justice.
 - b. The cross of Christ enables God to be both just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
4. Beholding God (34:8-34).
 - a. There is still distance between the people and God.
 - b. As we see God's glory in Christ, we are transformed into his image.

Help for Understanding & Application

- 1) Have you ever thought about how happy you would be in heaven if Jesus were not there? As you look forward to the Bible's promises of eternal life, what is it that you really desire?

- 2) What do you think about the idea that desiring God himself is an essential mark of a true Christian?

- 3) Do you regard the most important "distinctive" of Zionsville Fellowship to be something we hold in common with all other true churches of Jesus Christ?

- 4) John 1:14 says, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." Re-read how God proclaims his glory in Exodus 34:6-8. How do we see the glory of God in Christ?

- 5) Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. How does desiring God in our current lives in this world, and beholding his glory in Christ, transform us more into his image? Can you say that this is your experience?